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SUBJECT: LETTER FOR FOREIGN MINISTER

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. MINISTER: I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF OUR TALKS IN MEXICO CITY, TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE BEGUN IN OUR EXCHANGE OF LETTERS EARLIER THIS MONTH. THE MEXICO CITY MEETINGS DEVELOPED SOME OF THE IDEAS CONTAINED IN BOTH OF OUR LETTERS AND RAISED NEW ISSUES AND NEW HOPE FOR WESTERN HEMISPHERE RELATIONS.

3. THE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION AT THIS MOMENT IS TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM BUILT AT MEXICO. WE ALL NOW HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF ONE ANOTHER AND OF THE PROBLEMS WE MUST DEAL WITH. AS YOU NOTED IN YOUR LETTER TO ME, THE INTERVENTION OF FOREIGN MINISTERS ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH TO RESOLVE ALL THE PROBLEMS WE FACE. IN DEPTH STUDY BY ALL THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED IS ESSENTIAL. THUS, THE DECISION
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IN MEXICO TO REFER SEVERAL OF THE SERIOUS QUESTIONS FOR MORE STUDY WAS A POSITIVE STEP.

4. I LOOK FORWARD TO RENEWING OUR DISCUSSIONS IN ATLANTA

IN APRIL IN THE HOPE THAT WE WILL BIND EVEN TIGHTER THE
BONDS ESTABLISHED IN MEXICO. AMBASSADOR SANCHEZ WILL BE
IN CONTACT WITH YOU TO DISCUSS FURTHER THE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR THAT MEETING. IN THE MEANTIME, I WOULD APPRECIATE
YOUR CONTINUED COMMENTS AND VIEWS ON THE MAJOR QUESTIONS
FACING US. WITH BEST REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER.
END TEXT. CASEY

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